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# H. R. 4231

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 1994

Mr. RICHARDSON (for himself and Mr. THOMAS of Wyoming) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C.  
4       476), is amended by adding at the end the following new  
5       subsections:

6       “(f) PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF INDIAN  
7       TRIBES; PROHIBITION ON NEW REGULATIONS.—The  
8       head of a department or agency of the United States may

1 not promulgate any regulation or make any decision or  
2 determination pursuant to this Act or any other Act of  
3 Congress, with respect to a federally recognized Indian  
4 tribe that classifies, enhances, or diminishes the privileges  
5 and immunities available to the Indian tribe relative to  
6 other federally recognized tribes by virtue of their status  
7 as Indian tribes.

8       “(g) PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF INDIAN  
9 TRIBES; EXISTING REGULATIONS.—Any regulation or ad-  
10 ministrative decision or determination of a department or  
11 agency of the United States in existence or effect on the  
12 date of enactment of this subsection that classifies, en-  
13 hances, or diminishes the privileges and immunities avail-  
14 able to a federally recognized Indian tribe relative to the  
15 privileges and immunities available to other federally rec-  
16 ognized tribes by virtue of their status as Indian tribes  
17 shall have no force or effect.”.

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